

THE CONSTITUTION,  
C H A R T E R  
AND  
B Y - L A W S  
OF THE  
ASHEVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

LOCATED AT  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

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ASHEVILLE:  
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1869.



## ORIGINAL STOCKHOLDERS.

WHEREAS, The Holston Conference Female College, at Asheville, N. C., is largely indebted, and the lands, lots, houses and appurtenances, with the furniture on hand previous to date of Mortgage, as well as that in the College Building proper, and that in the Steward's Hall—are all under mortgage, which has become absolute and must soon be foreclosed by sale, and it is feared that the property may pass into private hands and be appropriated to other purposes than that of Female Education.

Now, to avert the calamity, and to preserve said property for the purposes of education, as first intended, with the necessary additions and improvements thereto, the undersigned propose to form a Joint Stock Company, to become incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, with a capital not less than thirteen thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, and to purchase and hold said property, real and personal, with such additions thereto as may become necessary, and to devote the same exclusively to female education, to be called the Asheville Female College, and to be managed by said corporation under the By-Laws of the Company, so as to be remunerative to the Stockholders and a blessing to the country.

For the purpose of raising said Capital Stock we, the subscribers, agree to subscribe and pay the sums placed opposite our names, respectively, to be paid to Gen. R. B. Vance, Trustee for the proposed Company, as follows, viz: One-fourth in sixty days from the 15th inst., one-fourth by the 15th of August next, and the third installment of one-fourth by the 15th of November, and the remainder by the 1st of Jan., 1870.

But if at the times when these several payments fall due the subscriber is not prepared to pay the money, he may have six months to raise the same on payment of interest on such deferred installments.

It is understood, however, that no subscription is to be called for until at least thirteen thousand dollars is subscribed.

March 4th, 1869.

## SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.

## NO. SHARES.

E. Sluder,	Two.
James S. Kennedy,	Twenty.
L. K. Haynes,	One.
James L. Henry,	Two.
William Johnston,	Five.
William W. Stringfield,	One.
N. W. Woodfin,	Five.
G. M. Roberts,	One.
Thomas D. Johnston,	One.
Daniel C. Stevenson,	One.
William M. Cocke,	One.
W. D. Rankin,	Five.
John D. Reynolds,	One.
A. T. Summey,	One.
J. R. Long,	One.
Sewel Phillips,	One.
Clayton, Ray & Burnett,	Ten.
R. M. Stokes,	One.
W. W. Smith,	One.
H. E. Sondley,	Five.
Susan T. Cox,	Four.
William P. Blair,	One.
Allen T. Davidson,	One.
R. M. Henry,	One.
Thomas S. Edwards,	Three.
Melvin E. Carter,	One.
W. P. Welch,	One.
James P. Sawyer,	One.
Samuel L. Love,	One.
Charles Webb,	Twenty.
J. K. Stringfield,	Twenty-five.
Daniel Reynolds,	Two.
Robert W. Pulliam,	Two.
I. V. Baird,	One.
James A. Webb,	One.
R. W. Pickens,	Three.
W. W. Rollins,	One.
Russel L. Jones,	Two.
Canada Cowan,	One.
C. Watkins,	Three.
R. N. Price,	One.
Albert H. Dowell, Jr.,	One.
John S. E. Summey,	One.



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## CONSTITUTION.

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### **Articles of Agreement entered into, for the Promotion and Encouragement of Female Education in Asheville, N. C.**

The undersigned enter into these Articles of Agreement for the purpose of promoting and encouraging Female Education in the Town of Asheville, N. C., and to that end propose to form a Corporate Company, by Letters Patent, on the terms of these Articles of Agreement under our hands and seals, by virtue of Act of General Assembly of N. C., Revised Code, chap. 26, and sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19; these Articles set forth before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe County, for the purpose of being forwarded to the Secretary of State and filed in the State Department, that the Letters Patent may be issued by the Governor declaring us and our successors a Corporation.

ARTICLE 1st. It is agreed that the corporate name of this company shall be "The Asheville Female College."

ART. 2d. The business proposed by this company, is the promotion and encouragement of Female Education upon sound christian principles, to be conducted by a President of the Institution, and such number of Professors and Instructors (male and female) as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Corporation, to be passed by the Stockholders.

ART. 3d. The place proposed for said purposes is Asheville, N. C.

ART. 4th. The Corporation is desired for thirty years.

ART. 5th. The undersigned subscribers and their associates who may hereafter subscribe, and our successors shall constitute this company.

ART. 6th. The Capital Stock to be \$15,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$100,000, and each share to be one hundred dollars, to be subscribed and paid when called for.

ART. 7th. The affairs of the company shall be managed (under the By-Laws passed and established by the Stockhold-

ers) by a Board of nine Directors elected by the Stockholders, of whom one shall be President, and the President of the Institution shall be *ex-officio*, a member of the Board: *Provided, however,* That said Board shall not contract any debt whatsoever without the written consent and direction of three-fourths in number of the Stockholders, owning at least three-fourths of the Capital Stock of the Company.

ART. 8th. A meeting of the Stockholders cannot be held unless there be a majority of the Stockholders present, owning a majority of the shares; Stockholders may be represented by proxy, but no one shall be a proxy unless he be a Stockholder, and every act (except contracting debt or enlarging capital stock) shall require a majority of votes present.

ART. 9th. The capital stock cannot be increased except by a vote of three-fourths of the stockholders, owning at least three-fourths of the stock of the company.

ART. 10th. The following is adopted as a scale of votes for the shares of this company: Each stockholder owning one share and not exceeding two shares shall have one vote; three and not exceeding four shares, two votes; five and not exceeding six shares, three votes; seven and not exceeding eight shares, four votes; nine and not exceeding ten shares, five votes; eleven and not exceeding thirteen shares, six votes; fourteen and not exceeding sixteen shares, seven votes; seventeen and not exceeding twenty shares, eight votes; twenty-one and not exceeding twenty-four shares, nine votes, and twenty-five shares ten votes; and no person shall own more than twenty-five shares.

ART. 11th. No one shall be a Director who is not a stockholder.

ART. 12th. If at any time it shall be determined to increase the capital stock, under the restrictions heretofore expressed, the stockholders who were such at the organization of this company, shall have the preference in the purchase of the shares so ordered to be issued and sold: *Provided,* Said purchaser does not by said purchase, increase his shares beyond twenty-five.

ART. 13th. Upon the complete organization of this Corporation, and upon the payment of the amounts required for the shares of stock, certificates of stock for said shares shall issue, bearing upon their face six per cent. interest per annum, to be paid annually to the holders; but no interest shall be paid for the first year.

ART. 14th. If at any time a member of this Corporation shall desire to sell his stock, he shall be required to offer the same for sale to the present corporators, through the Board of Directors, at their regular meeting, and the same shall be effectual only upon the proper transfer of said stock upon the books of the company; and any sale made without first offering the same to this Corporation as aforesaid, shall not be recognized or transferred upon the books of said company.

ART. 15th. It is further agreed on the part of this Corporation, that if the Holston Annual Conference shall, within two years from the complete organization of this company, pay to the members of this Corporation the money advanced by them, for the purchase of the property purchased by this Corporation, for the purposes hereinbefore enumerated, together with all monies that may within that time be advanced for the repairs and necessary expenses of said property, and lawful interest thereon, that this Corporation will surrender to said Holston Conference the said property, &c., and execute to them proper deeds therefor.

ART. 16th. Any of these rules or agreements may be altered by the concurrence of two-thirds in number and amount of the stock, on three months' notice of such proposed change: *Provided*, That no amendment shall be made to change the object of this Association. *And provided further*, That to change the agreement in relation to contracting debts, or increasing the capital stock, it shall require three-fourths in number and value of said stockholders.

ART. 17th. It is contemplated and desired by this Corporation to have power to purchase, hold, improve and keep up the College Building, Steward's Hall, and other buildings, real estate and property now belonging to the Holston Conference



Female College, in Asheville, N. C. It is agreed that the boarding of such pupils as do not live in Asheville, as well as the tuition of all, shall be provided for by this Association.

ART. 18th. It is desired that the Letters Patent shall confer on this company all the rights, privileges and immunities usually granted to Female Colleges, and especially such powers as have been granted and exercised by the Holston Conference Female College.

(The foregoing articles were subscribed under seal, and forwarded to the Governor, as above indicated.)

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## LETTERS PATENT.

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

*To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :*

WHEREAS, Charles Webb, James K. Stringfield, James S. Kennedy, E. Sluder, A. T. Davidson, C. Cowan, J. D. Reynolds, Thos. D. Johnston, Wm. Johnston and their associates, of the County of Buncombe and State aforesaid, in accordance with the law, (as prescribed in sections fourteen and fifteen of Chapter Twenty-Six of the Revised Code,) have made application to be created and constituted a body politic and corporate, to be known as the "Asheville Female College," for the purpose of the promotion and encouragement of Female Education.

*Now, Therefore,* Know Ye That I, William W. Holden, Governor of said State, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do issue these my *Letters Patent* to the said Charles Webb, James K. Stringfield, James S. Kennedy, E. Sluder, A. T. Davidson, C. Cowan, J. D. Reynolds, Thomas D. Johnston, Wm. Johnston and their associates, hereby creating and constituting them and their successors a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the

**"Asheville Female College,"**  
under which name they may have succession and a common



seal, sue and be sued, plead and be pleaded, in any Court of Record or before any Justice of the Peace in this State; contract and be contracted with, acquire, hold and dispose of personal property for the benefit of the said Corporation, and such Real Estate as may be requisite for the convenient transaction of its business; to have power to pass such By-Laws and Regulations as may be necessary for its government, which may not be inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this State and of the United States; and to have all other powers usual and necessary to such Corporations, for the purposes herein set forth:

Upon the condition, however, that the said Corporation shall exist only for the term of Thirty years from the date hereof; and the further consideration that the Capital Stock of the same shall not exceed the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, His Excellency, Wm. W. Holden, our Governor, Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief, has hereunto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Raleigh, the 19th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine, and in the Ninety-Fourth year of our Independence.

By the Governor:

WM. W. HOLDEN.

H. J. MENNINGER, *Secretary of State.*

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## MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Asheville Female College, held in the College Chapel on Tuesday, the 10th of August, 1869, Hon. J. L. Henry was called to the Chair and R. M. Stokes requested to act as Secretary.

On motion, a committee of two, consisting of Rev. L. K. Haynes and A. T. Summey, were appointed to verify proxies.

and ascertain the amount of stock represented. Said committee reported the following stock represented :

IN PERSON.	SHARES.	BY PROXY.	SHARES.
N. W. Woodfin.....	5	W. W. Stringfield.....	1
E. Sluder.....	2	T. S. Edwards.....	3
James S. Kennedy.....	20	M. E. Carter.....	1
L. K. Haynes.....	1	W. P. Welch.....	1
James L. Henry.....	2	Samuel L. Love.....	1
Wm. Johnston.....	5	Charles Webb.....	20
W. D. Rankin.....	5	J. K. Stringfield.....	25
J. D. Reynolds.....	1	R. W. Pulliam.....	2
A. T. Summey.....	1	I. V. Baird.....	1
Clayton, Ray and Burnett... ..	10	J. R. Long.....	1
R. M. Stokes.....	1	R. W. Pickens.....	3
A. H. Dowell, Jr.....	1	S. Phillips.....	1
Wm. M. Coeke.....	1	Susan T. Cox.....	4
	54		64

Making in all one hundred and eighteen shares represented.

Rev. J. S. Kennedy explained the object of the meeting to be the adoption or rejection of the Charter obtained from the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and for the purpose of organizing the Corporation under the same, if adopted.

The Charter of the College was then read, and was unanimously accepted and adopted by the company.

A committee, consisting of the Rev. J. S. Kennedy, W. D. Rankin and Wm. Johnston, Esqrs., were appointed to nominate a Board of nine Directors.

Said committee made their report, putting in nomination for the Board of Directors the following named gentlemen, viz :

Hon. J. L. Henry, Hon. N. W. Woodfin, Rev. J. S. Burnett, Wm. Johnston, A. T. Summey, A. T. Davidson, E. Sluder, G. M. Roberts and J. E. Ray, Esqrs. Rev. J. S. Kennedy is a member of the Board by virtue of his office as President of the College.

The report of the committee was received, and the above named gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors for the present year.

On motion, a committee consisting of Rev. J. S. Kennedy, Hon. N. W. Woodfin, Hon. J. L. Henry, Col. Wm. M. Coeke, Wm. Johnston and R. M. Stokes, Esqrs., were appointed to prepare a code of By-Laws for this Corporation, and report to a

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meeting of the Stockholders to be held in the College Chapel on Thursday next, at 4½ P. M.

Meeting adjourned as above.

R. M. STOKES, *Sec'y.*

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COLLEGE CHAPEL, Thursday, Aug. 12, 1869.

At an adjourned meeting of the Stockholders held this day at 4½ P. M., Hon. J. L. Henry was called to the Chair.

A committee, consisting of Capt. J. E. Ray and Mr. A. H. Dowell, Jr., were appointed to verify proxies and ascertain the amount of stock represented; who report they find one hundred and two shares represented; this being a majority of the stock, the meeting proceeded to business.

The object of this meeting being the reception of the report of the committee appointed at last Stockholders' meeting, to prepare a system of By-Laws for the government of the Corporation.

Said committee then offered the following, which was received, read and unanimously adopted:

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## BY - LAWS

OF

## ASHEVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE.

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### CHAPTER I.—STOCKHOLDERS.

SEC. 1. The Stockholders shall hold an annual meeting on Saturday preceding the College Commencement; or oftener, if necessary,—to be assembled on the call of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. At the annual meeting of the Stockholders, they shall elect a Board of nine Directors, by ballot.

SEC. 3. If at any regular meeting of the Stockholders there should not be a quorum present, such meeting may be adjourned, on motion, from day to day until a quorum shall assemble.



SEC. 4. A meeting of the Stockholders shall be competent to transact all business not otherwise provided for, when a majority of the stock shall be represented in person or by proxy.

All proxies must be in writing, signed by the person authorizing the same, and dated and witnessed before a Clerk of a Court Record, whose seal shall be attached thereto, and shall be in the following form, viz:

STATE OF....., } THE.....day of.....,  
County of..... } A. D. 18.....

*To the Stockholders of the Asheville Female College:*

Know ye ——— that I ———, owning ——— shares in said company, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint ——— my proxy and agent, for me and in my name, to represent the stock owned by me at the next regular meeting of the Stockholders of said company, and at all times and meetings thereafter for the space of ——— months; unless otherwise previously revoked by me, by authorizing the same either in person or by letter directed to the Secretary of said company.

Signed and acknowledged by me }  
before } (Name.)  
[Seal.] }

## CHAPTER II.—DIRECTORS.

SEC. 1. At the first meeting (subsequent to the annual meeting of the Stockholders) of the Board of Directors, they shall proceed by ballot to the election of a President of their body; a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be prescribed by law, who shall hold their offices for the space of twelve months thereafter, and until their successors are chosen.

SEC. 2. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by them, by election at any regular meeting of the Board, and any officer may be removed at any time by a vote of the Board.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to elect at the time hereinbefore prescribed an Executive Committee, to consist of five of their number; of whom the President of the College shall be Chairman, and the President of the Board a member.



SEC. 4. The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Friday of every month at the College Buildings.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to elect a President and Teachers, and all other officers of the College annually, and fix their compensation; who will hold office during the pleasure of the Board, and shall not resign without giving three months' notice of their intention to do so, —vacation not to be included in the term of the notice given.

SEC. 6. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, five of their number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### CHAPTER III.—OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SEC. 1. The *President* shall preside in all meetings of the Board. In his absence the Board may fill the office *pro tem*. The President shall sign all orders and drafts on the Treasurer, and all bonds, notes, contracts and other papers given by the Board.

SEC. 2. The *Secretary* shall attend all meetings of the Board, keep a faithful record of the proceedings, read the same at the opening and closing of each meeting; preserve all the books, papers, &c., of the Board; record or file, as he may be directed, all contracts and reports of committees, and communications relating to the College; and conduct the correspondence of the Board. He shall countersign all notes, bonds and contracts, and drafts on Treasurer.

SEC. 3. The *Treasurer* shall collect, and hold subject to the order of the Board of Directors all monies due the College, pay all drafts made upon him by the President and Secretary, and keep a faithful record of the entire monetary affairs of the College.

He shall have charge of all notes, bonds, deeds, insurance policies, records, papers, &c., belonging to the College, and give all necessary receipts. He shall make semi-annual reports to the Board of Directors, and an annual report to the Stockholders on the finances of the College. He shall keep his books posted, and always open to the inspection of any Director or Stockholder. He shall file a bond in the sum of

five thousand dollars, with two good and sufficient sureties, which bond shall be held by the President of the Board, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive from the Board a reasonable compensation for his services. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

#### CHAPTER IV.—COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—It shall be the duty of the *Executive Committee* to nominate all Professors and Teachers, to recommend suitable Text Books, to devise ways and means for establishing a Library; frequently visit the Lecture Rooms; notice the plan of instruction and discipline therein; give their aid and counsel when asked in cases of insubordination to College rules, and report to the Board any disqualification or dereliction of duty on the part of any of the College Faculty.

This committee shall frequently visit the Steward's Hall, and satisfy themselves that it is so conducted as to promote the health, comfort and success of the students; and when a vacancy occurs, nominate suitable persons to fill the offices of Superintendent and Matron.

It shall also be the duty of this committee to take charge of all the Buildings, keep them insured and in good repair; superintend the laying out and ornamenting the grounds; contract for fuel, and provide a Janitor; see that all necessary furniture for the Steward's Hall and Lecture Rooms be provided, and make frequent reports on these subjects to the Board.

They shall meet at the College Buildings on the last Friday of each month, or oftener on the call of the Chairman; and a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. There shall be a *Committee of Finance*, consisting of three, who shall audit the books of the Treasurer annually, make to the Stockholders at the annual meeting a full report of the Finances of the College, including a statement of the gross receipts for tuition, board bills, contingent and admission fees, interest on invested funds, and on notes and accounts,



together with the amounts due the College, and from the College to others, and the whole expense of the College for Instruction and contingencies.

This committee shall recommend such plans for the financial management of the College, and for increasing the revenues of the same, as they may judge best. This committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

#### CHAPTER V.—PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE.

The President, as the head of the College family and Executive of the Directors, with and by the advice of the Executive Committee, is charged with the entire superintendence, direction and control of the internal policy of the school,—the physical, moral and intellectual culture of the pupils. He shall assure himself from time to time of the faithfulness and competency of the Teachers, and of the progress of the pupils. He shall keep a record of the names of all the pupils and patrons, note the time of the admission and departure of the pupils, and allow none to continue in the College, whose bills have not been satisfactorily arranged with the Treasurer.

#### CHAPTER VI.—TEACHERS.

The Teachers shall be responsible to the President and Directors for the faithful performance of their duties. They shall perform the duties assigned them, and aid the President in maintaining order, and promoting the welfare of the students. They have full control of the students while in their Lecture Rooms, and power to punish offences therein committed; but they may never proceed contrary to the advice of the President.

The President of the College shall fill any vacancy occurring by death or otherwise among the Professors or Teachers, temporarily, until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### CHAPTER VII.—PUPILS.

SEC. 1. Students residing in Asheville shall only be responsible to the College for their conduct during school hours; and on public occasions, when they mingle with non-resident

students, at such times and on such occasions, they shall conform to the rules prescribed for non-residents.

SEC. 2. Non-resident students shall be required to board in the Steward's Hall, except for special reason they are permitted by vote of the Board of Executive Committee to board elsewhere, but those having such permission are expected to be governed by the same rules as those at the Steward's Hall.

SEC. 3. No student is permitted to purchase any article on credit, except by permission of parents or guardian in writing.

SEC. 4. Each pupil shall attend Sabbath School and the regular services at church, with some one or more of the Teachers, when in the opinion of the President her health or the inclemency of the weather does not forbid it.

SEC. 5. Pupils shall attend the morning service of the church to which they belong—parents may choose the church for their daughters while here, if they themselves are not members of any of the churches in Asheville, in other cases they shall attend church with the Teachers under the direction of the President.

SEC. 6. On public occasions the young ladies shall wear in summer plain white Jaconet dresses, with plain straw bonnets or hats trimmed with blue lute string ribbon,—in winter the same bonnet with dress of Mazarine Blue Worsted, while connected with the College.

SEC. 7. The students are not allowed to leave the College premises without permission, or unaccompanied by a Teacher.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the President and Teachers to faithfully execute these regulations, and punish all violations of them, or any of the regulations of the College, written or unwritten, by reproof, suspension, dismissal or expulsion: *Provided*, No student may be expelled without the concurrence of the Directors or Executive Committee.

#### CHAPTER VIII.—TERMS OF ADMISSION, &c.

SEC. 1. Students may be admitted at any time, but those entering after the Term opens will be charged from the beginning of the month in which they enter to the end of the Term. No deduction will be made except for sickness of at least one



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month's continuance, and no money will be refunded when pupils are removed during the session.

SEC. 2. On entering, and at the commencement of each Term, each pupil shall pay the established contingent fee, and one-half the Tuition fees for that Term in advance, and the other half at the close of the Term. Board bills are payable half-yearly in advance. All accounts not settled at the close of the Term will be charged with interest.

# Asheville Female College,

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The First Term of the Collegiate Year 1869-70, of this old and popular Institution opens on *Thursday, 5th of August, 1869*, and ends on the 23d of December. The Second Term will open on the *30th of December, 1869*, and end on the 20th of May, 1870, with the Collegiate year.

## TERMS, PER SESSION OF TWENTY WEEKS :

Tuition, from.....	\$12 to \$20.00
Fee for incidental expenses,.....	3.00
Board, including washing and lights,.....	75.00
Music, and use of instrument,.....	22.50
Languages, Ancient and Modern, each,.....	8.00
<i>Charges for Painting, Drawing, &amp;c., &amp;c., moderate.</i>	

Every pupil must furnish her own towels, toilet soap, and one pair of sheets and pillow-cases. Articles of wearing apparel, as well as sheets and towels, must be durably and distinctly marked with the owner's full name.

Superior facilities for instruction in Music and French. Tuition fees remitted to daughters of Ministers having regular pastoral charges.

Asheville is conceded by the medical faculty to have one of the finest climates in the world, and has long been noted for its social, religious and educational advantages.

Not more than one-twentieth of our population in Western Carolina is colored,—another reason why our friends South should educate their daughters here.

Railroads are rapidly approaching us from the East and West, and will soon meet at Asheville.

From the West and South, parents may send their daughters by way of Morristown, Tennessee, to head of Railroad, near Warm Springs, having to stage only 44 miles.

**PAYMENTS**—*One hundred dollars, at least, semi-annually, promptly in advance, on Board and Tuition bills.*

For further information, send for Catalogue.

JAS. S. KENNEDY, President.



